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TAGS: PINT, UR, US, CSCE

SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON ORLOV

REF: MOSCOW 10980

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED AT THE MAY 18  
NOON PRESS BRIEFING:

2. "THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY DEPLORES THE CONVICTION  
AND SENTENCING BY A SOVIET COURT OF DR. YURIY ORLOV, THE  
LEADER OF THE MOSCOW PUBLIC GROUP TO PROMOTE OBSERVANCE  
OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT IN THE USSR. THE HARSH SENTENCE  
WAS AGGRAVATED BY PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS DESIGNED TO  
HUMILIATE BOTH THE DEFENDANT AND MRS. ORLOV. YET THE CON-  
DUCT FOR WHICH DR. ORLOV IS BEING PUNISHED WAS THE MONITOR-  
ING OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CSCE  
FINAL ACT. SUCH PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE CITIZENS IN THE  
CSCE PROCESS SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS  
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RATHER THAN REPRESSED BY THEM. TO PUNISH AS 'SUBVERSIVE',  
ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INCREASING FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION  
AND AT PROMOTING GOVERNMENTAL OBSERVANCE OF FORMAL OBLIGA-  
TIONS SOLEMNLY UNDERTAKEN IS A GROSS DISTORTION OF INTER-  
NATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SET FORTH IN  
SUCH DOCUMENTS AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN

RIGHTS, THE UNITED NATIONS COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL  
RIGHTS, AND THE CSCE FINAL ACT. VANCE

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